

HQ U.S. Army Installation Management Agency, Europe Region



Public Affairs Office
Unit 29353, Box 200 APO AE 09014
69033 Heidelberg
DSN 370-7549/7235 Tel.: 06221-57-7549/7235

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 21, 2005

Military Idol finals include three Soldiers from IMA-E installations

Heidelberg, Germany - Three Soldiers from Europe are among the five finalists competing in the Army MWR "*Military Idol*" finals at Fort Gordon, Ga.

The finalists include Staff Sgt. William Glenn, 258th Military Police Company, USAG Darmstadt; Spec. Richard Sianoya, 423rd Dental Company, USAG Wuerzburg; and Spec. Festus Togbeola, C Co., 1st Battalion 77th Armor, USAG Schweinfurt.

The "*Military Idol*" semi-final round two can be viewed online Oct. 21 after 8 p.m. local time (2 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time) by logging onto the AKO Web site. The Military Idol finals will be broadcast live over the AKO Web site in the United States and Europe Oct. 22, 8 to 9:30 p.m. local time (2 to 3:30 p.m. EDT.)

After the finals are broadcast, there will be a two-hour period for people to vote for their favorite "*Military Idol*" through AKO. You must have an AKO account and QuickTime viewer to view the semi-final and final performances of Military Idol.

Details are on Army MWR Web site at <http://www.militaryidol.com>.

The "*Military Idol*" competition took place at 35 Army installations worldwide during the months of August and September, including 10 sites in Europe. The multi-week competition combined the enormous popularity of the television show "*American Idol*" with the talents of amateur military performers.

The headquarters for Army MWR, the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va., secured a licensing agreement with Fremantle Media, the co-producer and licensor of "*American Idol*", to use the "*American Idol*" concept for the "*Military Idol*" competition.

Other finalists remaining in the competition include Staff Sgt. Ron Henry, from Fort Eustis, Va., and Capt. Randall Carden, Fort Knox, Ky.

-30-



